

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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Vacant Posts of Disabled Persons
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the latest census, the percentage of disabled persons in Government departments is less than 3%;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to fill up all the vacant posts of disabled persons in the Government departments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which all the vacant posts reserved for them are likely to be filled up?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office.
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(a) & (b): As per the census data collected by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, the estimated population of Persons with Disabilities during 2011 census was about 2.68 crores.

Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (PWD Act, 1995) mandates every appropriate Government to appoint in every establishment such percent-age of vacancies not less than three per cent for persons or class of persons with disability of which one per cent each shall be reserved for persons suffering from: (i) blindness or low vision; (ii) hearing impairment and (iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy, in the posts identified for each disability.

Thereafter, as per the provisions of the Act, reservation for persons with disability is vacancy based and not based on population. As per information received from 59 Ministries/Departments, the representation of persons with disabilities in the posts/services of the Central Government Departments/ Ministries is 20,570 as on 01.01.2015.

(c) to (e): The Government has issued instructions on 22nd May, 2015 to all concerned to take immediate necessary action for filling up of vacancies for persons with disabilities and launched a Special Recruitment Drive for this purpose. 15,694 vacancies were identified for persons with disabilities, out of which 12,786 vacancies have been filled up. Monitoring meetings are being held by the Department of Personnel & Training with the concerned Departments/ Ministries and they have been advised to expedite the filling up of those remaining vacancies.
